

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An automotive interior trim assembly, comprising:

a support; and

a storage compartment coupled to said support and adapted to store one or more items, said storage compartment comprising:

a compartment body defining a cavity adapted to store the one or more items and having an opening for gaining access to said cavity; and

a cover coupled to said compartment body and moveable between an open position, wherein said cavity is accessible through said opening, and a closed position, wherein said cover overlies said opening; and

an electroluminescent lamp molded to one of said compartment body and said cover and adapted to illuminate said cavity when said cover is in the open position.

2. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said electroluminescent lamp is molded to the compartment body.

3. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said electroluminescent lamp is molded to the cover.

4. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1 further comprising:

an electrical circuit for energizing said electroluminescent lamp.

5. (Currently Amended) The trim assembly of claim 4, wherein said electrical circuit comprises:

a power source;

a first electrical connector rigidly coupled to said compartment body and electrically coupled to said electroluminescent lamp; and

a second electrical connector rigidly coupled to said support and electrically coupled to said power source, wherein said first electrical connector is ~~electrically coupled to~~ contacts said second electrical connector when said storage compartment is coupled to said support so as to energize said electroluminescent lamp.

6. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 4, further comprising:

an electrical switch having a first position that energizes the electroluminescent lamp and a second position that de-energizes the electroluminescent lamp.

7. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 6, wherein said electrical switch is in the first position when said cover is in the open position and said electrical switch is in the second position when said cover is in the closed position.

8. (Original) An automotive interior trim assembly, comprising:

a support; and

a storage compartment coupled to said support and adapted to store one

or more items, said storage compartment comprising:

a compartment body defining a cavity adapted to store the one or more items and having an opening for gaining access to said cavity, said compartment body including a first connecting member integrally formed therein; and

a cover including a second connecting member integrally formed therein, said first connecting member cooperating with said second connecting member to couple said cover to said compartment body, said cover being moveable between an open position, wherein said cavity is accessible through said opening, and a closed position, wherein said cover overlies said opening; and

an electroluminescent lamp coupled to one of said compartment body and said cover and adapted to illuminate said cavity when said cover is in the open position.

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